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SUBJ: MARCH 26 DRC EXAMINATION OF NATO FORCE PROPOSALS/GOALS-TURKEY

REF: A. ANNEX 11 TO APPENDIX D TO ENCLOSURE 1 TO MCM-14-74.

B. STATE 058907.

SUMMARY. DRC ADDRESSED NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES' (NMAS) 1975-1980 FORCE PROPOSALS FOR TURKEY ON MARCH 26. TURKISH REPS AFFIRMED NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN TIES WITH NATO AND SAID TURKISH DEFENSE SPENDING WOULD INCREASE TO 5 PERCENT OF GNP FOR 1975-1980 PERIOD. DRC UPHELD NEARLY ALL FORCE PROPOSALS AS EITHER TURKISH NATIONAL CHALLENGES OR CANDIDATES FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. DRC DIRECTED IS TO STUDY IMPLICATIONS OF INCREASED TURKISH DEFENSE SPENDING PLANS FOR FORCE PROPOSAL PACKAGE AND AGREED TO CONSIDER US REQUEST TO FURTHER IDENTIFY CRITICAL PROPOSALS WHICH OFFER A "REALISTIC CHALLENGE" IN LIGHT OF IS FINDINGS. END SUMMARY.

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1. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS INTRODUCED MAR 26 DRC CONSIDERATION OF TURKISH FORCE PROPOSALS BY STATING THAT TURKISH RESOURCE LIMITATIONS MADE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ESSENTIAL TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSAL PACKAGE. HUMPHREYS SAID IS CALCULATIONS INDICATED

ONLY 9 PERCENT OF SOME 50 BILLION TURKISH LIRA WORTH OF FORCE PROPOSALS NOT ALREADY IN TURKEY'S DEFENSE PLANS COULD BE REASONABLY ASSIGNED TO TURKEY. HUMPHREYS ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT PRESS STATEMENT THAT TURKEY PLANNED TO DEVELOP MILITARY CAPABILITY INDEPENDENT FROM NATO AND INVITED TURKISH COMMENTS. SHAPE REP ACKNOWLEDGED GAP BETWEEN TOTAL FORCE PROPOSAL PACKAGE AND TURKISH RESOURCES, BUT SAID PROPOSALS SHOULD STAND AS USEFUL INDICATORS OF WHERE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE APPLIED. TURKISH REP DENIED PRESS REPORTS OF TURKISH FORCE "INDEPENDENT FROM NATO" AND READ STATEMENT FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE (TO BE SENT SEPTEL) WHICH AFFIRMED NATO COMMITMENT. TURKISH REP ALSO GAVE SOMEWHAT HIGHER PROJECTIONS FOR 1975-1980 TURKISH GNP AND SAID TURKISH DEFENSE SPENDING AS PROPORTION OF GNP WOULD INCREASE TO 5 PERCENT BY 1975 AND REMAIN CONSTANT THROUGH 1980. TURKISH REP ASKED THAT PROPOSALS BE DIVIDED INTO SEPARATE CATEGORIES FOR TURKISH NATIONAL EFFORTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. US REP (CLINARD) DOUBTED DRC REPS' CAPACITY TO DRAW "PRECISE LINE" BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES WITHOUT NATIONAL GUIDANCE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PLANS. DESPITE US MISGIVINGS, DRC ACCEPTED TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR SEPARATE CATEGORIES AND DECIDED, IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT AMOUNT OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE, TO EXCLUDE ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS WHEN CONSIDERING PROPOSALS ASSIGNED TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE CATEGORY. US REP URGED OTHER ALLIES TO ASSUME GREATER PORTION OF SUCH ASSISTANCE.

2. DRC DELETED PROPOSALS TO EQUIP 252 TACTICAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WITH INFRA-RED SELF-PROTECTION COUNTERMEASURES AND THREAT WARNING SYSTEMS (SERIALS 1A05C AND 1A05D), TO INCREASE FBA FORCE BY TWO SQUADRONS (SERIAL 1A11), AND TO INCREASE UE OF THE C-130 SQUADRON FROM 10 TO 16 AIRCRAFT (SERIAL 1A12). DRC RETAINED FOLLOWING WASHINGTON-RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS (REF B) FOR SUBSTANTIAL OR TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION BY TURKISH RESOURCES: SERIALS 1L01, 1L02A, 1L05, 1L10, 1L14, 1M03A, 1M07, 1M14, 1M16, 1A06 1A07, 1A09, 1A13, 1A15, 1A17, 1A23, 1A28. DRC PLACED REMAINING WASHINGTON-RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS IN CATEGORY REQUIRING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

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3. DURING CONCLUDING REMARKS, HUMPHREYS SAID DRC HAD PARTIALLY "CLARIFIED" TURKISH SITUATION BUT THAT IS SHOULD AGAIN REVIEW TOTAL PACKAGE TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT PRESENTED "REASONABLE CHALLENGE." HUMPHREYS AGREED WITH US REP SUGGESTION THAT TURKISH SITUATION REQUIRED FURTHER DRC INDICATION OF WHICH FORCE PROPOSALS IN TOTAL PACKAGE WERE MOST IMPORTANT FOR IMPLEMENTATION. MISSION COMMENT: MISSION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT POSSESS DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. WE NOTE POSSIBILITY THAT SEVERAL PROPOSALS NOT REPEAT NOT ON US PRIORITY LIST (REF B) ARE CURRENTLY BEING IMPLEMENTED WITH US GRANT ASSISTANCE. SIMILAR SITUATION MAY EXIST FOR GREECE. MISSION BELIEVES ALL PROPOSALS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR US ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS PRIORITY ITEMS. END

COMMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER AS WELL AS GENERAL GUIDANCE ON WHETHER MISSION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REDUCE LIST OF PROPOSALS PLACED BY DRC IN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE CATEGORY.

4. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT DRC REVIEW OF US FORCE PROPOSALS WOULD BE APRIL 1 WITH PORTUGAL ON MARCH 28 AM AND NETHERLANDS ON MARCH 28 P. RUMSFELD

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